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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
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Re: Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC to Establish a New Cost Recovery and Incentive Mechanism for Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Programs
Docket No. 2015-163-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed, and does not oppose, the request submitted by Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP" or the "Company") in the above referenced Docket on February 23, 2018. The Company seeks approval from the Commission for modifications to its Residential Service – Load Control Rider LC-SUM ("Program").

The Company proposes to include eligible thermostats and related incentives and service charges, and allow DEP to issue incentive payments in a variety of ways, including, but not limited to, bill credits, checks, and prepaid credit cards.

DEP will seek recovery of applicable Program costs and utility incentives through its annual Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency ("DSM/EE") cost recovery rider, consistent with the DSM/EE cost-recovery procedures approved in Docket No. 2015-163-E.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in this matter.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Bateman

cc: All Parties of Record (via E-Mail)
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